

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Prison Ministry Info Meeting – July 25

You are invited to learn more about our Prison Ministry at the upcoming informational meeting at 6pm on the 10th floor of the Tower! You'll hear from Metanoia Prison Ministry staff about training and ministry opportunities for mentoring and correspondence discipling and be able to talk to the Prison Ministry Committee members who are also long-term mentors. For more information, please contact Leslie Cory at LeslieCory@Comcast.net.

Summer Together: Parents' Night Out – July 26

Need a night out? Let us care for your kids (infant - high school) while you get away for a few hours! Drop-off for infants through 4 years old is in the Nursery off of Douglas Street, and pre-k through high school is in the Student Center off of McCallie Avenue. To register, or if you're interested in volunteering, please contact our Interim Nursery Coordinator Mary Campbell Harris at MC@1stPresbyterian.com.

Urban Camp – Call for Donations

We will be hosting Urban Camp at Camp Vesper Point July 31 - August 3! Urban Camp is the latest initiative through our Community Outreach Ministry, in partnership with CVP and New City Fellowship, to reach inner city children and offer them a low-cost opportunity to attend a sleep-away camp out in God's creation! We need your help so we can supply each child with the supplies and tools they need to succeed and be comfortable during their time away from home! Learn more about how you can help out financially or through the donation drive at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

First Pres Forum Sunday School Class

Starting July 28, we will welcome guest speaker Tony Souder, a member of 1st Pres and CEO of One Hundred Years, on "Helping our Children (and Grandchildren) Flourish in Faith for a Lifetime"! All are invited to explore the importance of embracing our youth as a church and integrating them into the life and relationships of the body. Join us at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall!

Recently Bereaved

Please be in prayer for those in our congregation who have recently lost a loved one: the McAllister Family, in the loss of long-time 1st Pres attender, Dottie McAllister; the Campbell Family, in the loss of 1st Pres member through the Prison Ministry, Chris Campbell; and Forrest Walker and family, in the loss of his mother, Lynda Walker.

New Additions

Rejoice and be in prayer for new parents and additions to families within our congregation: Louise Woodall White, born July 8 to parents Margaret and Cody White and big sister Sally.



New to 1st Pres?
We'd love to connect with you!
Scan with your phone camera
to fill out a connect card!



To make a secure contribution
to 1st Pres, scan the above QR code
with your phone camera or go to
1stPresbyterian.com/Give.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

Adult

Bible 101: SS 212

A round-table discussion on the basic studies of Scripture following the Chalmers Center Guide. Currently studying *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

Chapter by Chapter: Tower 804

Currently studying Colossians; mostly 50s+ but all ages welcome.

College Class: SS 204-C

Invites rising and current college students.

Fellowship Class: SS 210

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

First Pres Forum Class: Fellowship Hall

Offers a rotating schedule of speakers. Current guest is Pastor Grady Davidson from Timothy Two Project International, on overcoming spiritual strongholds.

Icebreakers Class: SS 211

A short lesson followed by small group discussion, focused on understanding Reformed Theology. Currently studying the Westminster Standards.

The Joy of Learning: Tower 258

A no-pressure, discussion-based class currently studying 1 Timothy.

Link Class: SS 209

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of selected Psalms for the summer. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

McCallie/Anderson Class: Chapel

Class dates back to 1924 and is named after legendary Sunday School teachers J. Park McCallie and Lee Anderson. Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse.

Reformed by the Word: Tower 10th Floor

An interactive class studying Hebrews. Lessons are followed by a time of prayer.

Rocking Chair Class: Tower 302

Focuses on discovering "what sayest the Scripture." Currently studying John MacArthur's series, "The Rapture & the Day of the Lord."

International & Adult Bible Discussion: SS 204-F

Part of the First Friends Ministry, welcomes international college students. Currently studying the Kingdom of God.

Welcome All Class, SS 202

Currently studying how Jesus lived as a person and what it means to be fully human as God planned, using Paul Miller's *The Person of Jesus*.

Young Professionals: Tower 304

The current series is "Psalms: Prayers of the Heart."

Youth & Kids

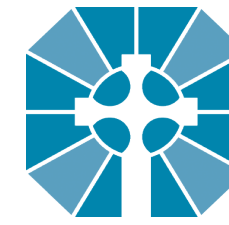
Youth Large Group: 6th – 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

Kid's Sunday School: Pre K – 5th grade, ground & 1st level Children's Wing

Nursery: Infant – 4-years-old

SS = Sanctuary Side

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at 1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship.



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At First Presbyterian, we seek to be a healthy church exhibiting all the fullness of Christ as we disciple believers who develop spiritually, connect relationally, and engage missionally to reach Chattanooga and the world with the gospel.

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Today, we examine the fifth piece of our armor called "the helmet of salvation."

That which adorns and protects the Christian, which enables him to hold up his head with confidence and joy, is the fact that he is saved and that he knows his salvation will be perfected in the end.

– Charles Hodge

When we put on the helmet of salvation, we remind ourselves of the salvation we have already received—forgiveness, deliverance from Satan's bondage, adoption into God's family, and eternal life. Then, we recall with confident expectation the full salvation we will experience on the last day, including resurrection glory and Christ-likeness in heaven. There is no doubt that God's saving power is our only defense against the enemy of our souls.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy Father,

Grant us grace to worship You joyfully in such a way that we find ourselves prepared and equipped for the spiritual battles we will face this week.

Thank You for the gift of salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to wear our helmet of salvation, acknowledging the sacrifice that He made for us and the eternal life that He has promised to us.

Guard our minds from the doubts and lies of the enemy.

Remind us through our worship that we are Your treasured children,

redeemed and saved by Your grace alone.

For we pray in the powerful name of Jesus our Lord. Amen!

GATHERING SONG

“Good Good Father”

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† Please stand as you are able.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 4:14-16 *ESV*

Pastor: Since then we have a great high priest
Who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but One Who in every respect
has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**People: Let us then with confidence
draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† SONGS OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick* and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & OFFERING

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH
*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station
at the PreK-K department on the Fellowship Hall level.*

† GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

“*The Basics of Receiving and Believing*”

Ephesians 6:17 (p. 979)

“*A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare*”

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Basics of Salvation for Our Spiritual Warfare
2. The Importance of Our Salvation in Our Struggle

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy and Gracious Lord,
As we prepare to come to Your table,
we come before You humbly acknowledging our sins
and seeking Your forgiveness.
You invite us to put on the helmet of salvation,
yet too often we succumb to the accusations
and lies of the enemy.
Forgive for our besetting sins
that frequently cause us to doubt
the assurance of our own salvation.
Help us to recall
that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
that we are new creations,
and that our sins have been washed away.
Renew our minds and transform our hearts
so that we live in a manner that pleases You.
We pray in Your matchless name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Colossians 1:13-14 *ESV**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’s cross, relive His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal: who profess faith in Jesus Christ, who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church, who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others, and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus’s broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

† SONG OF RESPONSE

“*I Surrender All*”

String Quartet

“*Cornerstone*”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

May the God of all grace,
Who has called us to His eternal glory in Christ,
establish, strengthen, and settle you
in the assurance of His salvation
so that you walk confidently in the knowledge
that you are saved by His grace, kept by His power,
and destined for His glorious kingdom. Amen.

Worship Leader

Scotty Brown, III

Presiding Minister

Joshua Adair, *Pastor of Discipleship*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner, *Senior Pastor*

Giving Update	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
<i>Budgeted Giving*</i>	\$998,077	\$259,615
<i>Raised*</i>	\$828,087	\$230,319
<i>*as of 7/14</i>		

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Priscilla George, our dear friend and faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the Congregational Care Committee.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 22.